

YOUNG ADULTS UNDER WAY

The Young Adult (ages approximately 25 to 35) is no longer a forgotten or neglected group in our churches of the Northern California Congregational Conference.

As a start, a small group of 20 young men and women had special classes at the Pilgrim Fellowship Conference at Zephyr Point last August. So much interest was shown that a conference was held on Saturday, November 5, at Plymouth House, Berkeley, to review the needs and possibilities of a permanent organization. Beginning at 3 P.M., with a worship service led by Miss Lucile Shackelford, a series of discussions followed concerning organization, mid-winter conference, promotion of local and state organizations, materials available, recreation, and the place of the young adult in the church.

The leaders and speakers were Rev. Wm. R. Steininger, Field Secretary Edwin T. Sherman, Mr. Frank Skillman, Mr. Raymond Foote, Rev. Gail Cleland, Mrs. Dorothy Bennett, and Mr. Evan Keislar.

In addition, Mr. Richard M. Fagley, research assistant of the Congregational Council for Social Action, was special guest speaker.

Pacific goes to press too early to be able to report whether or not a permanent organization was formed, and what plans were adopted for the future.

NEW OFFICERS

Following is list of the officers and committees elected at the annual meeting of the Conference at San Mateo. This list should be clipped and pasted into the Hand Book distributed last spring.

Moderator: Prof. William Hawley Davis.

Assistant Moderator: Rev. John N. Sauer.

Registrar: Rev. Harley H. Gill.

Preacher: Rev. Norman B. Henderson.

Alternate Preacher: Rev. Charles H. Hudson.

Board of Directors: Class of 1940: Rev. Arthur L. Rice; Class of 1941: *Rev. P. Pierson Parker, *Rev. Charles E. Ward, Mrs. R. A. Fuller, *Rev. Victor Morgan, *Rev. Sidney H. Buckham, Mr. C. M. Doxsee, *Mrs. A. V. Dunn; (holdover members) Class of 1939: Rev. Benjamin Gould, Rev. H. S. Mahood, *Rev. Gail Cleland, Mrs. L. M. Drury, *Mrs. F. J. Greene, Rev. J. N. Pierce, Miss Helen M. Perkins; Class of 1940: *Rev. E. W. Benedict, Rev. A. R. Boone, *Prof. Wm. H. Davis, *Dr. Ray E. Gilson, *Mrs. E. V. Krick, Rev. J. N. Sauer.

Representatives to Anti-Saloon League: Mr. George S. Martin, Rev. Gail Cleland.

Visitors to Pacific School of Religion: Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, Rev. John H. Gregg, Mrs. Gail Cleland.

Fraternal Delegate to Southern California: Rev. Harley H. Gill.

Representatives to California Church Council: Rev. Gail Cleland, Rev. Fred R. Morrow, Mrs. C. A. Kofoid, Rev. Godfrey Matthews, Mr. C. T. Tinker.

Committee on Ministerial Standing, Class of 1941: Rev. T. T. Giffen, Rev. Willard B. Thoyr, Rev. Benjamin Gould.

Delegates to International Council: Rev. O. W. S. McCall, Rev. James

ONLY! ONE DOLLAR EXTRA! ONLY!

One dollar extra from each adult Congregationalist for benevolence during 1938! The person who gave \$100 in 1937 is asked to give \$101. The person who did not contribute in 1937 at all is asked to give \$1.00. Thus no heavy burden will be laid on anybody, and a tremendous lift will be given to our whole enterprise. These extra gifts are to be made through the churches,—not sent directly to the Conference office,—and will be credited to the church, 85% on apportionment and the other 15% to the California Church Council and Temple of Religion. Ask your pastor for details of the plan.

REASONS FOR THE DOLLAR PER MEMBER CAMPAIGN

During the year 1937, Northern California made a gain in benevolence giving of 6.8%, which came very close to the goal for the year which had been set at the 1936 Conference.

It developed that that gain was almost entirely in the first three months of the year. The Conference fiscal year began April 1 and the receipts from the churches for the year from April 1, 1937, to March 31, 1938, showed no increase over the previous fiscal year. Whereas we had hoped to have \$18,000 from the churches, we received just about \$17,000.

We were saved from serious deficit by two factors:

1. Our invested funds earned more during that year than had been predicted by our investment counsellor.

2. We raised more money from individuals through very urgent appeal.

When the Conference Board made its budget for the year beginning April 1, 1938, it faced two serious problems:

1. Heavy reductions in income from invested funds because of lowered dividends;

2. The failure of the churches to reach the \$18,000 figure in 1937.

The Board, in making the budget for 1938-39, pruned, but in justice to its responsibilities assumed obligations which forecast a deficit of about \$2000, and then asked the secretaries to find ways and means of covering it. It will be remembered that the Conference receives 52% of the apportionment and the Ministers' Relief Society 2%, the remaining 46% going to the national boards.

In other words, we must find \$4,000 in new money, so that the Conference share of 52% will meet the deficit. The remainder will help the national boards, who are facing exactly the same situation that confronts our Conference.

Furthermore, our churches are being asked to give 10 cents per member to the California Church Council and Temple of Religion at the Exposition. Our proposal is "to kill two birds with one stone," by asking our adult Congregational members to give \$1.00 each to yield a total of not less than \$4700, which would be divided 85% or \$4000 for benevolence, and 15% or \$700 for California Church Council and Temple of Religion.

THAT ECONOMIC PLEBISCITE

Below is a copy of the ballot being circulated among our churches for the Economic Plebiscite which is to be received on or about November 13. The questions were prepared by the Council for Social Action and have been approved by the Executive Committee of the General Council. Thirty churches of northern California have already ordered a total of 8055 ballots. Others are available, together with tabulation sheets for each church. Copies of the "Primer of Economics" are available at the office of the Council for Social Action, 289 Fourth Ave., New York, at 25 cents per single copy, 8 cents per copy in lots of 25 or more (checks must accompany orders).

TO THE VOTER:

This Economic Plebiscite is not intended to create a denominational position on the issues voted upon, but to give the individual churchman an opportunity to weigh and to express his Christian convictions on these urgent problems. Those who wish to qualify their answers are urged to write their comments on the reverse side of this ballot. Such comments will be useful in the tabulation and analysis of the vote in each church.

Indicate what you consider your Christian obligation to be in connection with the following programs:

(Check only one space after each question)

	To Favor	To Oppose	No Christian Issue Involved
1. Provision by government of jobs for those unable to find work in private employ.	☐	☐	☐
2. Use of federal measures to support agricultural prices.	☐	☐	☐
3. Organization of labor into national unions.	☐	☐	☐
4. The maintenance or increase of tariffs and other trade barriers.	☐	☐	☐
5. The further extension of public ownership of electric utilities.	☐	☐	☐
6. Organization of consumer cooperatives.	☐	☐	☐
7. The further social control of our economic system.	☐	☐	☐

There then follow spaces which can be checked indicating the age, the occupation, and other helpful information concerning the person who votes. Ballots are to be unsigned. Our readers are invited after carefully studying the above, to judge for themselves whether the alarm sounded in recent articles in THE AMERICAN MAGAZINE and THE READER'S DIGEST is well founded. Certainly Congregationalists are not being asked to vote their condemnation of the capitalist system.

Mullenburg, Mrs. A. V. Dunn; (alternates) Rev. John W. Buckham, Dr. C. A. Kofoid, Rev. Jason Noble Pierce.

The Committees appointed by the Board of Directors will appear in the December issue.

*Executive Committee.

ATTENTION!

Just as Pacific goes to press the treasurer's report, as of October 31, was finished. It shows the largest deficit which the Conference has had at any one time in several years. Remittances, please!

SAN MATEO MEET GREAT SUCCESS

Many and enthusiastic were the comments by pastors and delegates concerning the success of the meeting of the annual Conference at San Mateo. The church plant at San Mateo lent itself in a remarkable way to the uses of the gathering. The sanctuary was both comfortable and worshipful. There was abundant space for registration and the display of literature. Luncheons and dinners were served to all who desired, although it was necessary on two occasions to serve in two rooms and to use public address system. Rev. Sidney Buckham, Mrs. Buckham, and Mrs. W. E. Whitaker, general chairman, together with all of the workers, are to be congratulated.

The Conference welcomed national Moderator, Oscar E. Maurer, who in three addresses and one conference emphasized in his own helpful and convincing way the doctrine of the church as the Body of Christ. Dr. George Gleason of Los Angeles created great interest with his practical talks on the Home and its relation to the curing of crime.

For the first time there was a considerable group of laymen in attendance, drawn by the presence of Donald A. Adams, chairman of the Laymen's Fellowship. Bishop Karl M. Block profoundly moved the Conference with his quiet but penetrating address on "Worship." Supt. E. D. Gaylord and Rev. A. D. Stauffacher were welcome visitors from the Southern Conference, and made splendid contributions to the program.

Our own leaders, including Rev. William Moll Case, Rev. Charles E. Ward, Rev. George E. Atkinson, Rev. Lawrence Wilson, Prof. James Mullenburg, Prof. John C. Bennett, Dr. and Mrs. Leonard Wilbur, and President Aurelia H. Reinhardt, all carried their parts in maintaining the high level of the meeting.

In addition to election of officers, a list of whom will be found in another column, the chief item of business was the amending of the Articles of Incorporation and of the By-Laws to make possible the concentrating of all of the work heretofore done by three corporations into one. Certain legal steps will be necessary, but it is expected that the whole procedure will be completed by the end of the fiscal year.

Reports of many officers and committees were presented and accepted. All ministerial members of the Upper Bay Association were accepted into Conference membership, so that now the standing of ministers in three associations is held by the Conference.

A new committee will be set up, to be known as the Laymen's Fellowship Committee. A special committee to stimulate the attendance of men at worship was authorized, and the plan known as "The Riddle's Answer" for deepening of spiritual life, which has been in use at the First Congregational Church of Berkeley, was recommended to our churches.

Following a brief but heated discussion on Initiative Measure No. 1 at the November election, the following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That the Conference recommends to the careful study of all voters Proposition No. 1, with the earnest effort to conserve all Christian and human values."

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Pastors' Conference

The Committee on the Earl Lecture-ship of the Pacific School of Religion is pleased to announce arrangements for the annual Pastoral Conference, which will be held February 21, 22, and 23. The Earl Lecturer will be Mr. Charles P. Taft, son of the former President, and himself a well-known attorney and the only layman to be appointed by the Oxford Conference to the World Council of Churches. Other speakers include: Dr. Sam Higginbottom who has made such a remarkable record in India; Dr. Burris Jenkins, great preacher and editor from Kansas City; Professor Edgar J. Goodspeed from the University of Chicago, foremost authority on, and translator of, the New Testament. A complete list of speakers and their subjects will appear in a later issue.

Hugh Vernon White's New Book

Northern California Congregationalists consider it a great event whenever a new book is published by our own Hugh Vernon White, formerly pastor at Stockton and now Secretary of the American Board. Dr. White's newest book, which is published by Harper & Bros., is entitled "A Working Faith for the World."

In it the author outlines briefly but forcibly and accurately the present world situation and shows that religion has the only adequate and permanent answer. He then discusses the different world religions, and while indicating full appreciation of their values, he sets forth tellingly the strength and superiority of our Christian faith and message. Rarely will one find a finer statement of comparative religion than Dr. White offers in just a few pages.

Because Christianity above all other faiths has the thing that the world needs, the obligation to carry the story to all of the peoples of the world is heavy upon us. While social service, education, medical and hospital work, agricultural and economic betterment all have their places as a part of the Christian program, they are not an adequate motive for our missionary endeavor. Our prime purpose is to teach and reveal a God of love, as revealed in Jesus Christ and his vicarious suffering, and the value of human personality which is implied in the idea of a God of love.

The book should be in every minister's library, and is of the type that might well be passed about for serious reading among lay people. Price is \$2.00.

C. E. ROBINSON HONORED

Friends of Rev. C. E. Robinson, formerly pastor at Grass Valley, Petaluma, and San Lorenzo, will be interested to learn that Milton University of Baltimore, Md., conferred upon Mr. Robinson the LL.D. degree. Dr. Robinson is now the president of Pike's Peak Bible Seminary.

HELP!

In the special Guest Book edition published in October, we were unable to include a church-by-church list of benevolence contributions, so this month we are printing receipts for two months—September and October; also two columns which show the receipts for the first ten months of 1938 and the like period of 1937. A rather alarming condition is revealed in that the receipts for the year thus far are \$1300 less than they were a year ago at this time. Each church, pastor, and treasurer should study columns two and three very carefully and then go to work with a will during the remaining two months in order to rectify the shortages and enable us not only to equal last year's giving but to make the increase which we voted to undertake two years ago. Two months is a short time, but it is long enough to do this job. The Conference and the Boards need the service and the gifts of every one.

	Sept. 1 to Oct. 31, '38	Jan. 1 to Oct. 31, '37	Sept. 1 to Oct. 31, '38	Jan. 1 to Oct. 31, '37
Adin	\$ 9.50	\$ 26.86	\$ 39.60	
Alameda	175.00	320.90	322.65	
Alturas		33.63	22.71	
Angels Camp		57.50	125.00	
Antioch		71.98	60.00	
Auburn		15.00	44.00	
Benicia		5.00	20.00	
Berkeley, First	674.20	3,564.49	5,925.30	
Berkington		10.00	10.00	
North	93.95	413.84	257.45	
Park	21.12	51.79	65.80	
Campbell	47.00	104.95	115.00	
Cloverdale	9.23	44.22	40.40	
Cotati	50.43	40.19	40.19	
Crockett		12.21	23.50	
Eureka	56.85	297.18	275.94	
Fairfax		10.00	11.00	
Ferndale	29.96	168.35	155.10	
Fowler		18.00	.....	
Fresno, First	332.16	701.33	666.32	
Free Cross .....		.....	10.00	
Pilgrim	50.00	160.00	95.00	
Guerneville	3.25	6.75	4.50	
Hayward		50.00	50.00	
Kenwood	22.00	33.61	41.50	
Lewiston .....		.....	2.75	
Lodi, First	200.00	850.00	695.00	
Loomis		21.00	18.00	
Martinez	115.62	263.67	269.63	
Murphys		60.00	50.00	
Niles		10.70	5.00	
Oakland, First	883.32	4,570.14	4,451.60	
Fruitvale		24.00	22.00	
Japanese		5.00	.....	
Pilgrim	15.00	28.50	35.41	
Plymouth	101.16	598.81	569.43	
Oroville		20.00	120.00	
Pacific Grove	46.13	223.00	281.30	
Palo Alto		1,100.00	1,400.00	
Paradise	80.00	110.00	125.47	
Pennagrove	8.90	20.01	.....	
Pescadero		5.00	.....	
Petaluma	164.84	435.63	576.27	
Pittsburg	16.03	97.32	102.68	
Port Chicago		100.00	2.00	
Porterville		121.50	.....	
Redwood City	250.39	403.89	510.00	
Rio Vista	30.00	90.00	38.87	
Ripon	16.00	99.94	89.78	
Sacramento	326.84	563.17	420.71	
Salida .....		.....	50.00	
San Carlos		59.90	24.62	
San Francisco .....		.....	.....	
Bethany Msn. Prk. ..	200.00	406.83	248.92	
First	305.23	1,250.50	1,406.48	
Ocean View		15.00	35.00	
Richmond	15.50	100.50	74.00	
San Jose	65.00	467.00	547.00	
San Leandro	28.55	66.06	70.28	
San Mateo		87.50	60.00	
San Rafael .....		.....	39.07	
Santa Cruz	165.00	400.00	485.00	
Santa Rosa	10.16	124.30	136.59	
Saratoga	170.17	393.14	363.24	
Sebastopol	30.26	144.05	184.97	
Sonoma	13.78	96.29	57.90	
Soquel	40.00	92.00	50.00	
Stockton	123.12	455.23	440.95	
Suisun		37.00	35.45	
Tulare	105.00	290.00	225.00	
Weaverville	32.30	109.60	108.89	
Woodside		20.00	.....	
Reno, Nevada	50.98	322.30	315.93	
Miscellaneous	51.53	1,316.43*	394.73	
	\$5,185.03	\$22,391.49	\$23,673.31	

*Includes Special Deficit gifts which will be credited to the churches at the end of the year.

REV. W. J. SCHMALLE

Rev. William J. Schmalle, formerly minister of German churches in this Conference, died July 16 at the age of 77 while on his vacation in the mountains. He was buried at Fresno, Rev. Norman Henderson conducting the service. His wife, two sons, one daughter, and four grandchildren survive him. His ministerial standing during the past few years was in Oregon.

CHINA RELIEF

At long last a thoroughly reliable and well co-ordinated appeal for the relief of China's millions has been launched. The Church Committee for China Relief has been set up by the different denominations and missionary boards. It has been staffed at the minimum of expense with executives of the Boards, and returned missionaries, and others who are experienced and interested. Western headquarters have been established at Los Angeles, with our own well-known and beloved Loyal Lincoln Wirt as regional director. Branch office has been opened at the First Congregational Church Building in San Francisco, with Albert H. Van Etten in charge. The Committee receives funds for relief alone. Gifts for emergency administrative expense of missions should be sent directly to the Boards. The Church Committee forwards funds to the American Advisory Committee in Shanghai, composed of American missionaries and business people. They allocate the available funds to relief organizations in all parts of China, occupied and free, upon the basis of relative need and the possibility of dependable administration. Mme. Chiang Kai-shek's Children's Project has received a portion of the funds thus far administered.

One dollar a month will feed a woman and child; the price of one ice cream cone will feed one person for two days!

Contributions may be sent directly to the Church Committee for China Relief, 129 West Second Street, Los Angeles, or it may be forwarded to the Conference office, 1164 Phelan Bldg., San Francisco.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Dr. Francis J. Van Horn will be the key speaker at the East Bay Pilgrim Fellowship Rally. The rally will be held in Pilgrim Hall, First Congregational Church of Berkeley, beginning with dinner at 6:45 o'clock on Friday, November 11. In addition to the speaker, there will be recreation, community singing, and fine fellowship, with a presentation of plans for the mid-winter conference to be held at Alameda Congregational Church December 27-29.

West Bay Pilgrim Fellowship Rally is scheduled for Saturday, November 12, at San Carlos, with installation of officers and other important items on the program.

Alameda young people, their sponsor and pastor, have invited the Pilgrim Fellowship of Northern California to hold the mid-winter conference at their church on December 27, 28, 29. According to Miss Vernice Chamberlain, the State President, Mr. Lawton Harris will be the Director. The plan of the program is to have two main emphases, one for group improvement in methods and materials, and the other for improvement in personal living. The classes are to be so arranged that all delegates will be able to attend one class in each group. Plenty of time for discussion will be allowed, and the conference will be inspirational as well as educational.

The slogan for the conference is "Beacons for a Blind-Flying World."

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 27-28-29, Pilgrim Fellowship Midwinter Conference, First Congregational Church of Alameda.

February 21-22-23, Pastoral Conference, Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley.

April 9—Easter.

July 29-August 5, Pilgrim Fellowship Conference, Zephyr Point, Lake Tahoe.

SAN CARLOS. Rev. Alden A. Read, who has been pastor since May, 1936, has resigned to accept a call as assistant pastor and director of religious education of First Congregational Church, Pasadena, and will take up his new duties the 16th of November. He will be missed in San Carlos, where he has done steady constructive work, but his many friends will rejoice in the fine opportunity that has come to him.

In September Mr. and Mrs. Read were made happy by the arrival of Sandra Joyce, who took up residence in their home.

SACRAMENTO, PIONEER. At the annual meeting of the church, which was held in October, it was reported that all bills for the year had been paid, including heavy extra expense for roof, painting, and other repairs. Thirty-one new members had been received during the year and 18 removed, making a net gain of 13. The College of Life has been resumed for the fall and winter season. Rev. Lawrence Wilson, the pastor, is chairman of the committee for writing a religious history of California to be used in the centennial of the establishment of Sacramento, in 1939.

COTATI and PENNGROVE. A fine Sunday School superintendent has been enlisted for Penngrove, an excellent choir serves regularly, and the congregations are the best that they have been during the three-year pastorate of Rev. C. C. Champlin. The Pilgrim Fellowship, representing the two churches, is the strongest in the Association. The pastor and his wife entertained at their ranch near Sonoma 18 young people for their Halloween party. Regular services of songs are held by the young people in the county hospital.

STOCKTON. The activities of the year were begun in a very appropriate manner by a reception to Rev. Noel J. Breed, the pastor, on the 25th anniversary of his ordination, which date also marked the completion of his fifth year at the Stockton church. Greetings were brought by Superintendent Gill from the Conference, Rev. H. H. Frost representing the local churches, President Tully Knowles for the College of the Pacific, and Professor E. E. Stanford for the church. Attendance at morning worship is on the increase.

GLEN ELLEN and KENWOOD. Evening services have been resumed at Glen Ellen, and the pastor, Rev. Frank E. Boren, has been giving a talk at the Sunday School hour. The attendance at Glen Ellen and Kenwood is most encouraging.

FAIRFAX. Rev. C. L. Mears continues to visit San Quentin Prison once a month, preaching and then later holding interviews with about twenty men. The street in front of the church has had new paving.

RENO. Rev. William Moll Case, pastor, was given an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree at the College of Idaho at the June commencement. The Pacific extends sincere congratulations.

OAKLAND, PILGRIM. After more than two years' effort the church buildings are completely roofed, and the cost is nearly provided for. Rev. Harvey V. Miller is pastor.

PESCADERO. Preaching services are held by Rev. J. C. Kelsey of Half Moon Bay once a month. The Women's Guild meets every Wednesday afternoon.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. After nine and one-half years, Rev. T. T. Giffen has resigned to become pastor at Petaluma. Plymouth has maintained a very successful program of work among children and young people and has had one of the best attended Sunday Schools in the Bay district. In this work Mrs. Dorothy Bennett has had significant part. A few weeks ago Mrs. Bennett resigned, but has consented to remain with the church through the period of readjustment. Under Dr. Giffen's leadership a complete reorganization of the church was effected, making the board of trustees coincident with the council representing all departments and organizations. He has received many new members, maintained a high preaching level, and carries with him the affection of the parish and of a large section of the community. Beginning on October 15, Rev. F. J. Van Horn, twice pastor at Oakland, First, became the ad interim minister and is being welcomed by splendid congregations.

REDWOOD CITY. Rev. Charles E. Ward, pastor, was elected president of the Board of Directors of the Conference. Redwood City was well represented at the annual meeting at San Mateo, particularly on Tuesday, when Dr. Ward delivered the Conference sermon. The parlors of the church are to be modernized and made home-like through the efforts of the Women's Guild and other church organizations. The Pilgrim Fellowship is showing a 50 per cent increase in attendance over that of last spring. An every-member visitation to promote friendship and wholesome social life will take place early in November.

CALAVERAS COUNTY. Funds for repairing and painting the Angels Camp church are practically in hand. The young people are caring for the grounds. A splendid missionary luncheon and program, with Mrs. L. M. Drury of Stockton speaking, was held at Murphy with Angels Camp women also in attendance. A new Sunday School will soon be organized at Douglas Flats. Rev. John G. Dickey, the pastor, is keeping in close touch with Sheep Ranch, which now has a population of 500. As soon as an addition to the school is completed and electricity installed, regular services will be held.

RIPON. Twenty-seven were initiated into the Pilgrim Fellowship on a recent Sunday evening. The seven points in the statement of purpose were symbolized by a picture of Jesus, the Christian flag, the cross, the figure of Lincoln, the American flag, the Bible, and the globe. Community forums on the economic issues involved in the plebiscite are going forward, with attendance from 50 to 75. Following these forums, three Sunday evenings will be devoted to missions. Rev. Robert A. Bentley is pastor.

OROVILLE. The Oroville "Mercury" announces a weekly column of news interpretation to be written by Rev. Benjamin Gould. Concerning this innovation, the editor writes: "Mercury is very lucky that there is a man right here at home who has made the study of international relations his hobby. He will tell us about the men behind the news of the world and how their personalities and backgrounds lead up to the policies adopted by their nations. He will explain the effect of commerce and trade, and how the abundance or lack of natural resources causes nations to act."

ALAMEDA. One of the most significant and revealing events to take place in our Northern California churches was the tenth anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. Gail Cleland. Two hundred fifty people enjoyed the splendid dinner, including a large proportion of the membership of the church and representation from the American Legion, Kiwanis Club, Rotary Club, the Red Cross, the City Government, and other churches of the city. Officials of the church declared that the organization had never been in better shape, and many guests paid tribute to Dr. Cleland because of his leadership in the cleanup of a political situation some years ago. Beautiful flowers and lovely words of appreciation were extended to Mrs. Cleland. Supt. Harley H. Gill represented the fellowship of churches. On the Sunday following, 201 persons were in attendance at the morning worship, 88 of whom were men.

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE. A fine Pilgrim Fellowship group of young people has been started, largely through the efforts of State President, Vernice Chamberlain. There are 25 members. Morning worship was conducted on a recent Sunday by the state officers. The finances of the church are in better shape than a year ago. Mr. R. M. Fagley, son of associate secretary of the General Council, was the preacher on November 6. Rev. J. B. Orr, the pastor, recently made a careful study of Biblical material on Sabbath observance in order effectually to reply to Adventists.

ANTIOCH. The senior Pilgrim Fellowship will have charge of the program and balloting in connection with the Economic Plebiscite. Three discussion meetings are being held in preparation. A class of social studies at the high school is also using the plebiscite ballots. Girl Scout week was observed, with 32 Scouts belonging to the church troop in attendance. The young people's choir of 20 voices serves regularly. Twelve men attended the laymen's meeting in Pittsburg. The cabinet used the Self Survey chart in order to note progress during the past two years, the pastorate of Rev. Wm. R. Steininger.

SONOMA. The women's society entertained in honor of Mrs. Leonard Wilbur of China at luncheon in the early part of October. Representatives from Sebastopol, Petaluma, and Kenwood were present. The ladies were also hostesses to the annual Marin-Sonoma P.T.A. Conference. The parsonage has been reroofed, and plans are under way for redecorating the church. A group of laymen attended the men's meeting at Santa Rosa. Rev. E. W. Perry is pastor.

BENICIA. Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Flick are doing excellent work with young people and contributing to the cultural life of the community. Mr. Flick is a second-year student at Pacific School of Religion. A loan on the Benicia parsonage will soon be paid.

BERKELEY, PARK. At the Rally Day exercises 110 parents and children attended, 82 of them remaining for the church communion service. Rev. Tom Watt, the pastor, served as area captain for the Red Cross drive.

WOODSIDE. Rev. R. R. Shoemaker, who has served the church for a little more than a year, resigned and plans to visit relatives in the northwest.

PORTERVILLE. Again has the pastor, Rev. John H. Gregg, asked his church to vote on the four most helpful sermons preached during the past year. The needs of people are indicated by their votes in favor of the following subjects: "Worrying Successfully," "Life Beyond Life," "The Validity of Prayer." Mr. Gregg delivered the sermon at the Boy Scout Camporal, with 475 boys present from all over the San Joaquin Valley. The musical ministry has had a lift under a new director and organist. New robes for the choir are soon to be ordered. Members of the Pilgrim Fellowship will attend church and church school and a monthly dinner instead of the traditional Sunday evening meetings, which have proved to be difficult because of family and distance factors.

SAN JOSE. Alterations and decoration of the sanctuary are going forward and will be completed at an early date. Worship services are being held in the Jewish Synagogue. The church has extended a unanimous call to Rev. Stephen Peabody of Ripon, Wisconsin, who was on the field the first of November. Mr. Peabody served for a period in China. He is a graduate of Harvard University and Union Theological Seminary. He served in the war as Captain of Infantry. He has been honored by appointment on two different commissions by the governor of Wisconsin. Since 1930 he has been pastor of the college church at Ripon.

BERKELEY, FIRST. The College of Life and the Forum meeting at 9:45 on Sunday mornings have been presenting books that people have been reading, including Pitkin's "History of Human Stupidity" and Carrel's "Man, the Unknown." On November 13 Dr. John C. Bennett will begin a series of six lectures on "Ethical Perplexities Confronting Modern Christians." Rev. O. W. S. McCall hopes soon to relaunch the magazine, "The Arrow."

SANTA ROSA. Rev. Wilfred Withington has caused to be printed a technique of worship, entitled "The Sky Chapel Code," in which certain aids to worship are used and worship itself is joined with the social interpretation of the religion of Jesus. During the summer the chancel of the church was rearranged in a more beautiful and worshipful manner. It is an example of what can be done with a minimum of expense.

SEBASTOPOL. During the autumn the church has been host to the women of the Federation of the Redwood Empire district and the annual convention of the Sonoma County Christian Endeavor. Rev. Jason Noble Pierce of San Francisco occupied the pulpit on the last Sunday of October. New hymn books are soon to be purchased by the Sunday School. Rev. George E. Atkinson is pastor.

SOQUEL. The Santa Cruz song fest, with an attendance of 200, was held at this church on October 16. One hundred new hymn books were available. The song fests are largely attended by young people. Rev. Jessie Getty Heath is pastor.

SALIDA. A reception was held in September for the pastor, Rev. C. Virgil Carlson. Various repairs and improvements to the property have been made, including a cement approach to the church building. A new junior high school group has been organized.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST CONGREGATIONAL METHODIST TEMPLE. The choir and an orchestra from this church, a total of sixty, gave a full-length cantata at the Conference at San Mateo the first evening, through the arrangement of the moderator, who is one of the pastors of the church, Rev. Jason Noble Pierce. Special services were conducted for three days near the end of October with Rev. James E. Crowther of San Jose as speaker. Studies in preparation for the Economic Plebiscite are creating much interest on Wednesday evenings. The church is delighted to have Dr. and Mrs. Leonard F. Wilbur, members and missionaries of the church, for at least a few months of their furlough.

CROCKETT. The beautiful new edifice which was described in the October issue of The Pacific was opened with unusual services on October 30. The new building, which is modified English Gothic, marks the culmination of plans made more than fifteen years ago when the Congregational and Presbyterian churches united their forces. The site was contributed by the C. & H. Co. A large factor in the enterprise has been the untiring effort of Rev. Rudolph Caughey, D.D., who has served the church for eight years. The sanctuary is worshipful and the arrangements for the social life of the church adequate. The people and pastor are to be heartily commended.

SANTA CRUZ. Leland, the 16-year-old son of Rev. H. S. Mahood, occupied the pulpit on Sunday, September 18, leading the congregation in worship and giving a talk on "Lessons from the Life of Joan of Arc." Mrs. Mahood, who has recently been seriously ill in Minnesota, has returned home, and is much improved. Santa Cruz was successful in winning the annual meeting of the State Conference for 1939.

PACIFIC GROVE. After several months without pastoral leadership, this church has called Rev. Ellwood B. Hunter, who is just about to graduate from the San Francisco Theological Seminary at San Anselmo. For the past two years or so he has served as pastor of the Congregational Church of San Rafael, and he is a graduate of the University of California. He comes of a missionary family, his grandfather having served for fifty years in Jamaica.

PETALUMA. The pastorate of Rev. T. T. Giffen has commenced very auspiciously with large Sunday morning attendance. About 100 were present at the welcoming dinner. The manse has been treated with paint and wall paper, and new lighting fixtures are to be installed.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALVARY ARMENIAN. On Labor Day the church held a picnic, which was attended by a very large gathering. Plans are under way for a great concert of Armenian music under the direction of the wife of the pastor, Rev. H. K. Khachadourian.



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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Edited by Mrs. Wm. T. Sadler

The Executive Meeting of the Federation is held the third Thursday of each month at 10:15 a. m., in the First Congregational Church, Oakland, unless otherwise stated.

Women Share in State Conference

Program, attendance, environment, weather, all contributed toward making the annual Conference meeting at San Mateo, October 18 to 20, an outstanding event. Every day found many women in attendance, but on Thursday, the 20th, they were in supreme evidence. At the Federation luncheon they filled Kloss Hall dining room to capacity (250) and overflowed in large numbers into an adjoining dining room with loud speaker connections.

With our Federation Thank Offering so close at hand, we were especially fortunate in having our three Thank Offering projects "present in person," as it were: (1) Rev. James Salmon, whose parish is the whole of Trinity County brought to us a realization of the needs of his people and their meager opportunities. We saw in imagination the little church at Hayfork, literally crushed by heavy winter snows, slowly emerging again as money for materials was raised bit by bit, and pastor and people rebuilt it with their own hands (see p. 17 in October "Guest Book" edition of The Pacific). He brought us a challenge to genuine Christian devotion and sacrifice. (2) Rev. D. W. Throckmorton told us how much our Thank Offering gift of \$250 means to the Children's Project of his Grace United Church in San Francisco, situated in the Mission District where juvenile delinquency abounds. He assured us that every dime we give is transmitted into intangible good in the lives of these children. (3) Mrs. Leonard Wilbur brought our North China project

close to us as she told of the work at Taiku, Shansi, to which she and Dr. Wilbur hope to return at the end of their furlough.

During the afternoon Conference session, at which our president, Mrs. A. V. Dunn, presided, we learned more about our China project from Dr. Leonard Wilbur's interesting address on "Modern Medicine in Ancient Taiku." In 1903 Dr. Willoughby Hemingway arrived in Taiku, and, although "his head, his hands, and his instrument case" were all he had to start with, he built up a hospital that today consists of a set of buildings, Chinese style, and a thoroughly efficient, genuinely Christian, staff of 15 or 20 Chinese, mostly graduates of mission schools. Tuberculosis, skin diseases, diphtheria, adult rickets, blindness (most of it unnecessary) are common. There is much ignorance and poverty. The Chinese are afraid of fresh air when well and are terrified of it when sick. But, little by little, they are learning to trust the foreign doctor and to do as he says, and they carry back to their villages much that they learn in the hospital. Vaccination against smallpox has become popular and inoculation for diphtheria is in demand. Dr. Hemingway died in 1932, and it is a large order for any young doctor to try fill his place, but Dr. Wilbur has had notable success. We Federation women may well be proud of our three projects. Let us see to it that our Thank Offering fully supplies the necessary amount of \$1300.

CLOTHING NEEDED

Donations of warm clothing for the approaching winter are much in demand. Mr. Salmon finds many cases of real need during the severe winters in Trinity County. He hopes to drive down to the Bay region at Thanksgiving time and will be glad to fill up his machine with clothing, magazines, etc.

On account of Conference retrenchments, Miss Mary Coxhead's splendid work among the Indians of Modoc County was given up several years ago. To Mrs. Amy Jarman, volunteer worker in our Alturas church, the Conference sends \$180 a year for relief work among the Indians, and this is supplemented by greatly needed shipments of warm, clean clothing from a number of our women's groups. We are requested to address all donations to Rev. J. K. Ballou, Alturas, Calif., so that they will be delivered to the church, where Mrs. Jarman has a special room for keeping supplies for distribution. The Indian women desire patchwork pieces for making quilts.

CHRISTMAS FOR MIGRANTS

As Christmas approaches, our thoughts turn toward our migrants and their needs. There has been a shortage of work this year, partly due to severe rains last March and partly due to curtailment of crops under the crop reduction bill. Clothing for children and parents should be sent to the nurses: Miss Ebba Anderson, Firebaugh, Calif., and Miss Vera Haptonstal, Dos Palos, Calif. All toys for the children should be sent to: Miss Ada Gorrell, Secretary, First Christian Church, 1362 N Street, Fresno, Calif. Money, needed for extra activities

MRS. ELMER GALT SAILS

Mrs. Elmer Galt was in Berkeley October 12 to 15. A large group of women gathered to greet her and to hear her very clear interpretation of many things concerning China and her strong plea for us to stand by our missionaries, who are so much needed there now. She and Mrs. H. W. Robinson sailed from San Francisco on October 20 to rejoin their husbands in China. Mrs. Galt took a burlap sack full of things from Berkeley women, warm woolen pieces for her sewing women in Paoingfu, a quantity of Christmas cards for Mr. Galt's use, new and old muslin which will probably be taken by Mrs. Robinson to Tehchow for Dr. Alma Cooke's use. First Church, San Francisco, also sent bandages, etc., by Mrs. Galt to Taiku Hospital.

PETALUMA ACTIVITIES

The eighth annual Fall Festival given by the Women's Service Club of the Petaluma church was held in the gardens of the McNear home. In the afternoon there was a card party and a chicken dinner was served from 5 to 7. In the evening the croquet ground made a beautiful setting for a vaudeville program. Lights were arranged through the grounds to show the beauties of the garden. Ice cream and home-made candy were on sale and games of skill were played on and around the tennis court. A large crowd enjoyed the spirit of carnival, and the day was a success both socially and financially.

(Christian centers in Hemet, Kingsburg, Poplar) should be sent to the Western Office, 430 19th St., Oakland, and made payable to the Council of Women for Home Missions.

BERKELEY SOCIAL SERVICE QUOTAS

The Social Service quota of Berkeley, First, Women's Association was put on display at their October meeting and evoked much admiration, both for itself and for the faithful women who spend a whole day each month in the sewing room. Our Berkeley women recently sent another shipment of books to Tillotson, the A.M.A. Negro college in Austin, Texas. It consisted of 360 lbs., approximately 350 books and a quantity of reconditioned Christmas cards, etc. A letter from President Mary E. Branch, dated October 18, says, "Express my appreciation to all the friends who made this gift possible. . . . Tillotson has grown beyond our most sanguine expectations. We have registered 376 students, 12 of whom are work students, the others regular full-time students in the college. We are looking forward to the second semester to carry the number to around 450. With the large increase in our student body we are pinched for space. The only ample space we have is the campus, and we cannot keep them out there all day. We are putting on a program to raise some money to help in the development of the college, so that our most pressing needs may be helped."

MINISTERIAL STANDARDS

That Congregationalists throughout the country are recognizing the need of measures which will raise the standards of the ministry is evidenced by the following resolution which was passed at the General Council at Beirut:

"The General Council of Congregational and Christian Churches hereby approves the practice increasingly coming into use of arranging that the ordination examination precede the ordination ceremony by a reasonable interval and recommends that this become the universal procedure, except that in cases where for geographical or other reasons this seems impracticable a thorough examination by a competent committee should precede the summoning of a council for ordination."

Northern California rejoices that such a step has been taken, but believes that other states will do well to follow the method which has been adopted here and which goes still further, namely, to set up a conference committee on ministerial standing, which examines all candidates before councils for ordination are even called.

The 1939 meeting of the Conference will be held at Santa Cruz on October 17-19.

NEWS FROM PHILLIPS

The first news letter from Ray Phillips since his return to Johannesburg, So. Africa, came recently. "Our greatest time-consumer since our return," he writes, "has been the preparation of another book for the press, 'The Bantu in the City.' We believe a study of this nature, carefully done, will provide a basis of understanding of the urban Native problem which will indicate lines of action for social, religious, and educational agencies, as well as governmental bodies." Some of his other activities are: chairmanship of the Executive Committee of the Bantu Men's Social Center, leadership in the formation and programs of Gamma Sigma Clubs (literary societies) for the thousands of educated African men and women on the Witwatersrand; membership in the S. A. Red Cross Social Services and Education Committee, for which he has outlined health work among non-Europeans; promotion of a Juvenile Delinquency Conference to interest the Union Government and the white population in the growing criminal class among the native and other non-white youth; chairmanship of the Transvaal Missionary Association; patron of football and boxing associations; adviser to the Bantu Dramatic Society; addresses to many and various types of groups; Sunday preaching in our churches, etc.

Mrs. Phillips has meetings with Christian women's groups, with denominational civic societies, with Wayfarer (Girl Scout) leaders, and with various committees for social projects. She supervises sewing instruction in eight schools (some 500 girls), has Wayfarer detachments in three schools; opens her home for many social and other gatherings. . . . "Again our thanks to those of you who made it possible to bring a motor car back with us"—an indispensable time-saver in covering their large field. His former cinema work is now a full-time job, carried on by the son of a Swedish missionary.

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